

## **AAPG Energy Opportunities**

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# Promising Opportunities in the Moroccan Upstream Oil and Gas

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## **COUNTRY KEY ASPECTS**

#### **MOROCCO: A FAST GROWING ECONOMY**



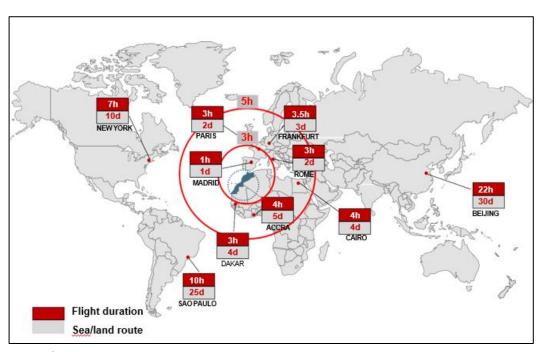
General Information		
Capital	Rabat	
Institutional System	Democratic and Social Constitutional Monarchy	
Area	710 850 km <sup>2</sup>	
Time Zone	GMT+1	

- Population: 36.45 million (very welcoming people)
- Language: Arabic, Amazigh, French, Spanish and English
- Primary Energy Consumption : 20 million TOE
- Dependency on energy imports : 95 %
- Net energy bill: 14 billion \$ (2022)
- 2030 energy consumption forecast: 43 million TOE
- GDP: 330 billion \$ (2022)
- GDP Growth: +2.5 % (2022)
- Inflation rate: 6.6 %
- Foreign Direct Investment: 1.9 billion \$
- Currency: Moroccan Dirham (MAD)

## **COUNTRY KEY ASPECTS**

#### MOROCCO: A CROSSROAD FROM AFRICA TO EUROPE

- Morocco is a politically stable country
- Favorable and very attractive fiscal regime :
- A unique geographic location with 3 500 Km coastline on the Atlantic Ocean and the Mediterranean sea
- 15 Km distance from Europe



- 1st in North Africa in terms of infrastructure quality
- 14 foreign trade ports and 24 airports
- Tangier Med Port: A growing global connectivity
  with 174 ports and 74 countries







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#### **SEISMIC & WELLS DATABASE**

## **Offshore**

#### **Atlantic**

2D Seismic: 175 542 km including 13 196 km of 2D Multi-Clients

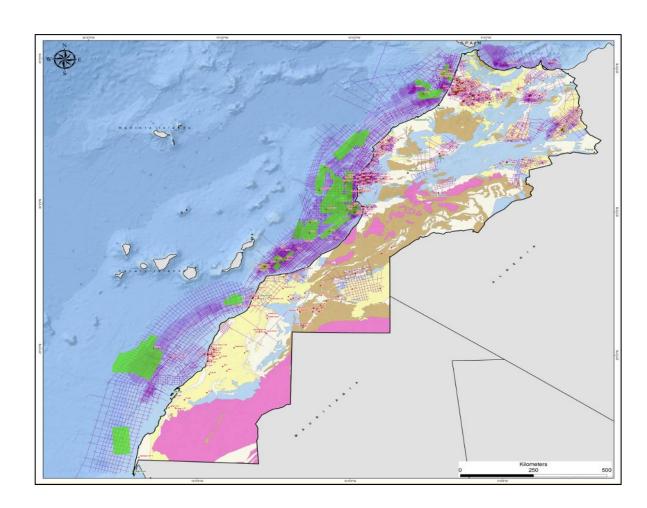
> 3D Seismic: 70 277 sq km

**□** 43 exploration wells

#### Mediterranean

> 2D Seismic: 10 775 Km

**□** 2 Exploration wells



## **Onshore**

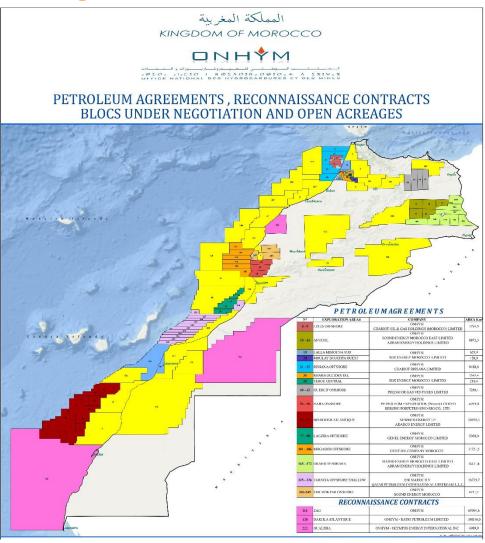
> 2D Seismic: 58 731 km

> 3D Seismic: 2 218 sq km

**□** 325 Exploration wells

More Than 95% of investments are supported by ONHYM'S Partners

### **Licensing status**



- **56** Exploration Blocks : **29** Offshore & **27** Onshore
- 2 Reconnaissance Licenses: 1 Offshore & 1 Onshore
- 12 Exploitation concessions (including 3 ONHYM)
- 31 Open Blocks: 16 Offshore & 15 Onshore
- 9 Blocks under negotiation













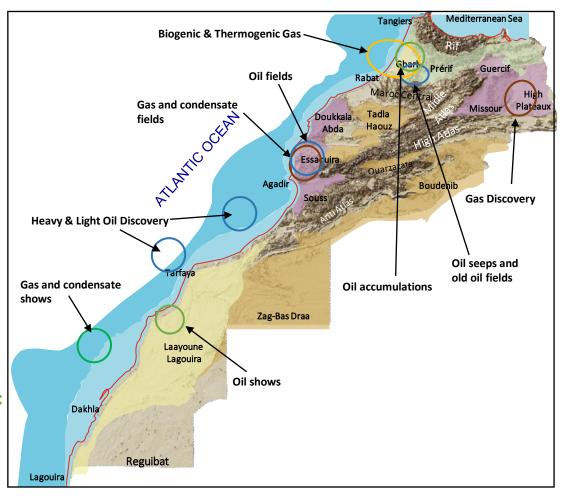






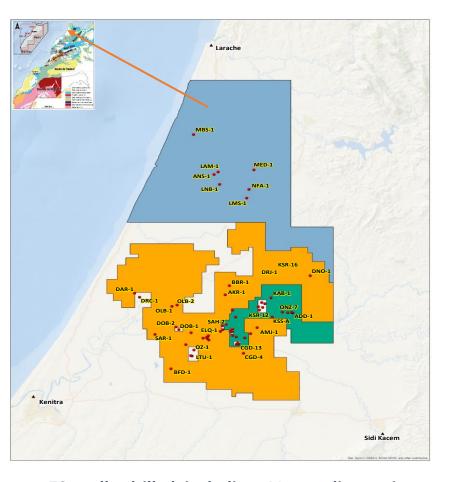
Petroleum systems in Morocco are widely extended from Paleozoic to Tertiary. These are proven in the Onshore and Offshore Moroccan sedimentary basins through hydrocarbon occurrences (discoveries, shows, surface oil seeps,,,):

- Palaeozoic petroleum systems (Silurian, Ordovician, Devonian): Meskala gas & condensate field and High Plateaux gas discovery
- Jurassic petroleum systems (Toarcian Callovian): oil fields in the rides prerifaines & Essaouira and oil discoveries in the Offshore
- Lower cretaceous petroleum systems : oil and gas shows encountered in Offshore Atlantic
- Upper cretaceous petroleum systems (Cenomanian Turonian):
  Ain Hamra oil accumulation and oil shows in the Onshore
- Tertiary petroleum systems : biogenic & thermogenic gas fields in Gharb basin



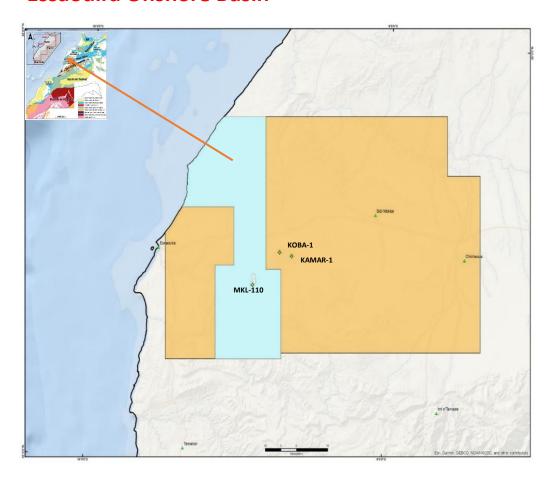
#### **PRODUCING FIELDS AND DISCOVERIES**

#### **Gharb Onshore Basin**



\* 70 wells drilled including 41 gas discoveries: Gas discoveries are small but commercial due to the existing infrastructure and an important local gas market.

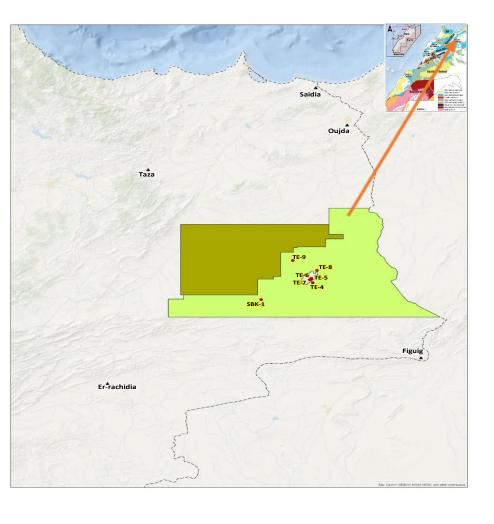
#### **Essaouira Onshore Basin**



- Gas and condensate from the Triassic reservoir and oil from the Jurassic reservoir
- ❖ 3 wells drilled between 2011 and 2014

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#### **Tendrara Basin**

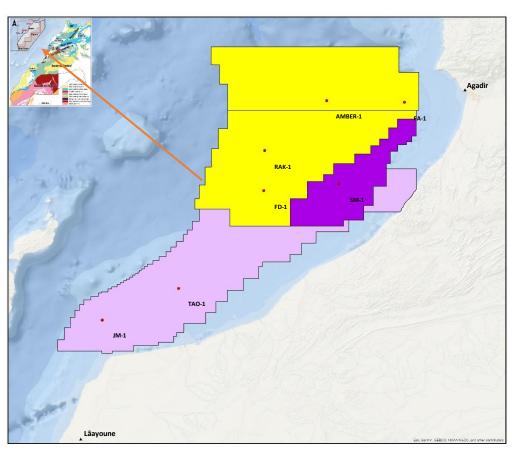


## **Sound Energy and ONHYM**

- ❖ 5 wells drilled between 2016 and 2019
- 2 wells found gas and condensate in the Triassic reservoir
- Award of a concession for the development and the production of gas

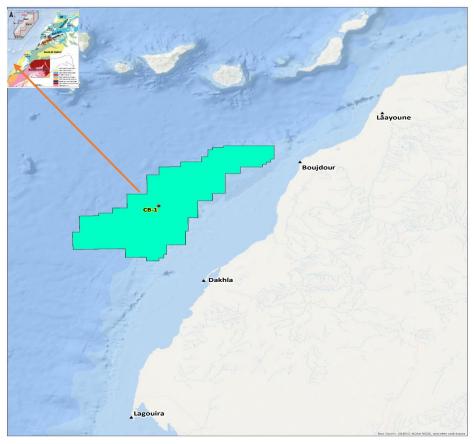
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#### **Tarfaya - Agadir offshore**



7 wells drilled in deep water: 3 wells targeting the Jurassic carbonates: 2 wells have found oil (JM-1 with a density of 12 API° and SM-1 with 26 API° and 4 wells targeting the Cretaceous and Jurassic turbidites: 3 wells have encountered oil and gas shows

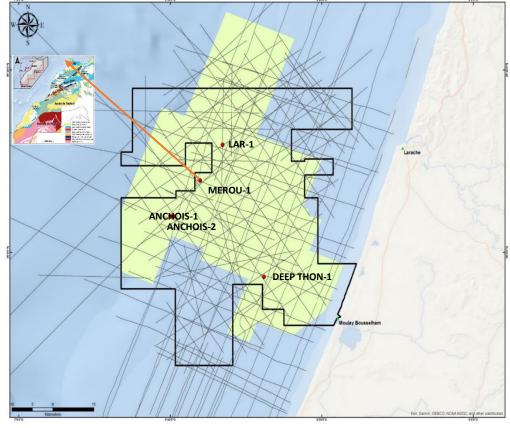
## **Boujdour Offshore**



1 well drilled by Kosmos, Capricorn and ONHYM in late 2014/early 2015. The well is a non-commercial discovery of gas and condensate in the Cretaceous turbidites

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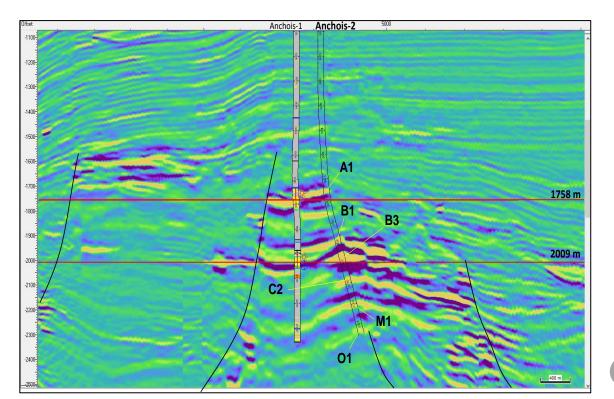
#### **Lixus Offshore Permits**



**Data base** 

- ✓ 5 wells
- ✓ 2D: 2,657 km
- ✓ 3D: 2,000 sq km

- **❖** Anchois 2 prospect was drilled in late 2021-early 2022
- The well was drilled to test the Tertiary Turbidites
- The Anchois 2 well has found gas within several Tertiary layers





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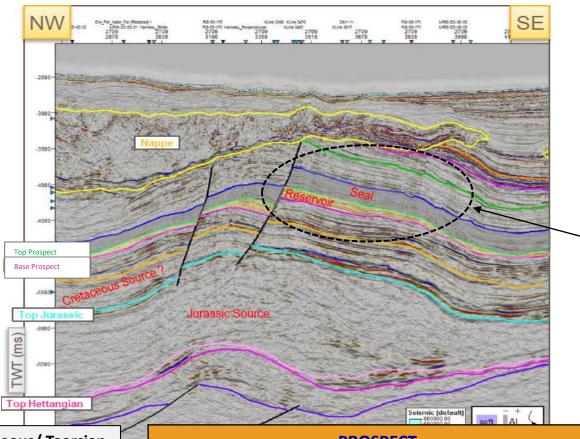
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## **EXAMPLES OF PLAY CONCEPTS & ANALOGUES**

 4 way faulted structural closure anticline prospect



1. Source Rock: Mid & Lower Cretaceous/ Toarcian.

**CRETACEOUS TURBIDITE SANDSTONES** 

2. Migration: Vertical

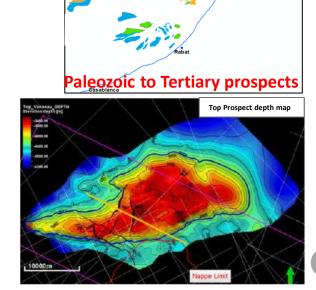
3. Reservoir: Deep marine sand-rich stacked

turbidite channels of Barremian age.

4. Seal: Marls-shales deep marine Aptian-Albian

5. Trap: 4-way structural closure anticline (faulted).

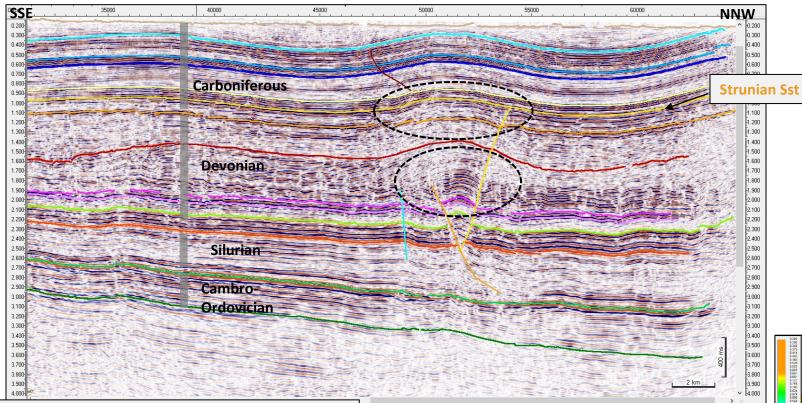
PROSPECT		
Water Depth (m) 2100		
Closure (Km²) (mean)	21.58	
P mean Resources (MMBO)	Oil case : 871 Gas case : 94.30 BCF	



Location of the prospect

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#### PALEOZOIC MULTI TARGET STRUCTURES



1. Source Rock: Silurian hot shales & Devonian shales

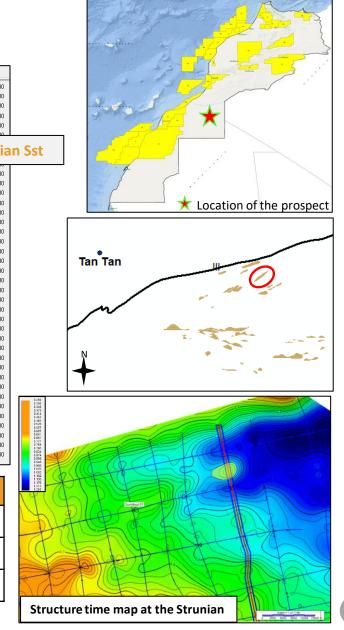
2. Migration: Vertical pathway through faults

3. Reservoir: Carboniferous & Lower Devonian sandstones

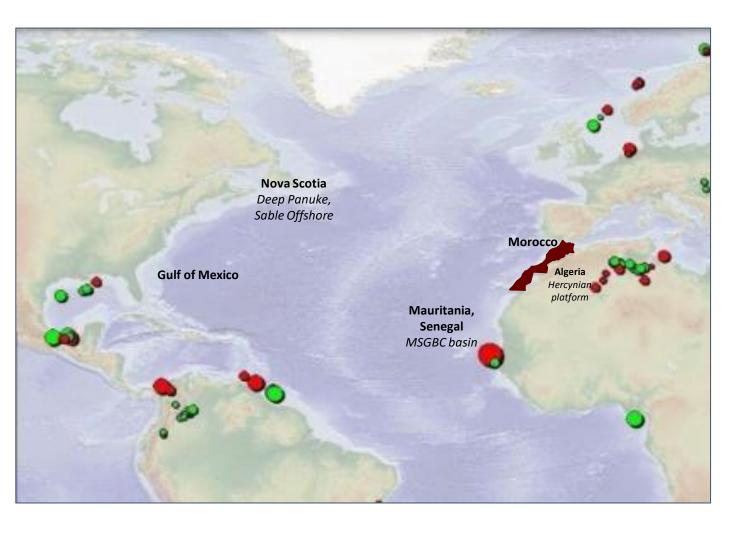
4. Seal: Palaeozoic interbedded shale & marls

5. Trap: Hercynian structures (3 to 4-way closures)

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	DOUBLE TARGET PROSPECT		
	Primary target (Devonian) gas resources	276 Bcf	
	Secondary target (Lwr Carb.) gas resources	294 Bcf	
	Total	570 Bcf	

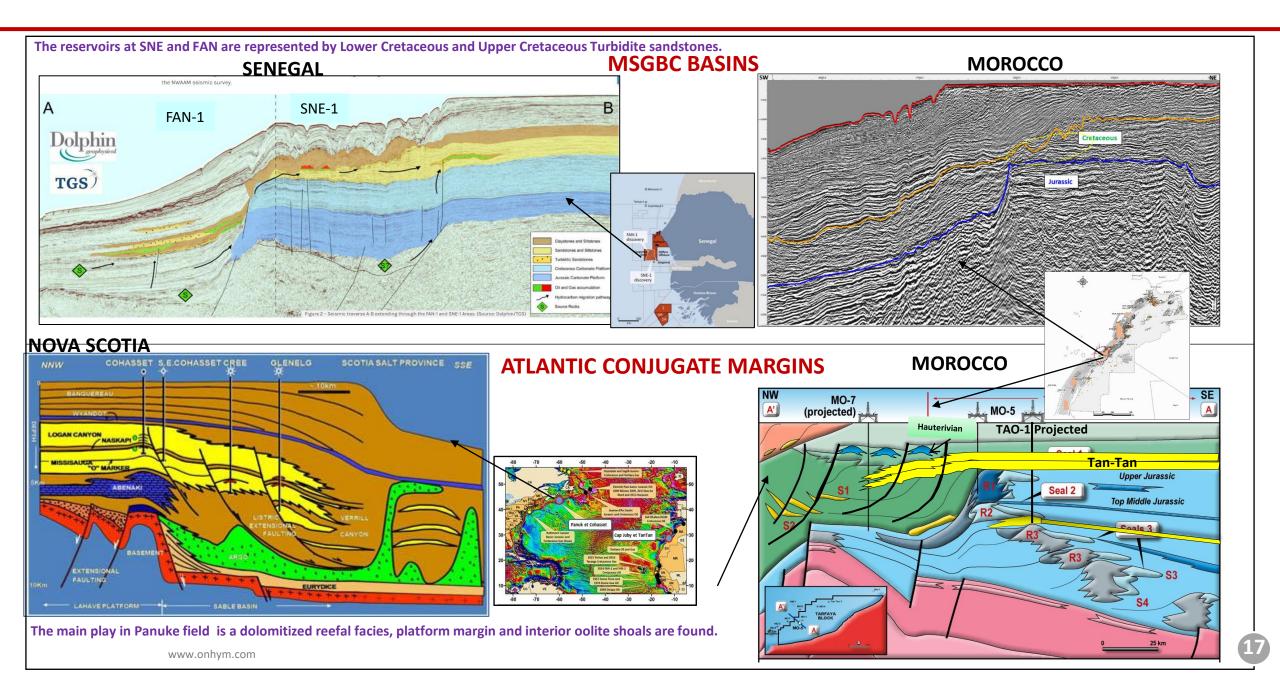


## **MOROCCAN BASINS ANALOGUES**



- Morocco basins have analogies with many recent discoveries and some of the biggest producing fields in the world.
- Continuity of the Algerian Triassic Province and the Saharan Hercynian platform in Eastern Morocco.
- Morocco is part of the Atlantic Mesozoic -Cenozoic Passive Margin where recent big discoveries have been made (MSGBC Basin).
- Nova Scotia analogies: Cretaceous Turbidites (Sable basin) and Jurassic carbonate (Deep Panuke field).
- Gulf of Mexico in terms of salt tectonics and related plays.

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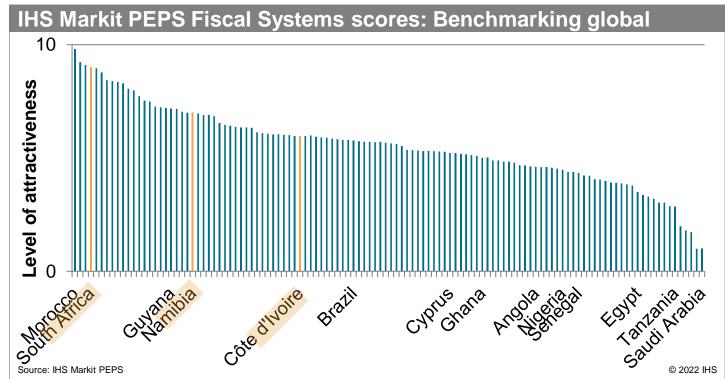
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## **MOROCCO INCENTIVES**

## The Moroccan Hydrocarbon Law: One of the most attractive in the world

- Government interest share: 25% maximum
- Corporate tax: Total exemption for ten-year period
- Surtax : None
- Tax exemption
  - With-holding tax on profits
  - Value added tax
  - Business activity tax
  - Urban tax
  - Tax on non-improved urban land



**Easiness of doing business** 

No restrictions to capital for non-residents

Free repatriation of profits and capital for non-residents

More than 100 protection foreign investment agreements and double taxation

#### ONHYM'S ROLE IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE MOROCCAN GROWING GAS DOMESTIC MARKET

#### Gas produced in Morocco basins

- ✓ Gharb basin (SDX and ONHYM): the produced gas is used by local industry (factories in Kenitra zone and AFZ)
- ✓ Essaouira basin (ONHYM): the produced gas is used by OCP
- **❖** Maghred-Europe Gas Pipeline (GME)
- ✓ Is used today to import gas (bought in the international market) from Spain by Reverse Flow.
- ✓ Feed the two Moroccan Gas Power Plants.

#### Dorsale Atlantique

- ✓ The development of the Moroccan high pressure transportation network
- ✓ The Moroccan part of the Nigeria Morocco gas Pipeline.

#### **Gas to be produced in the coming years**

- ✓ Two gas projects to supply power plants and the booming local industry
- Tendrara project operated by Sound Energy
- Anchois project operated by Chariot



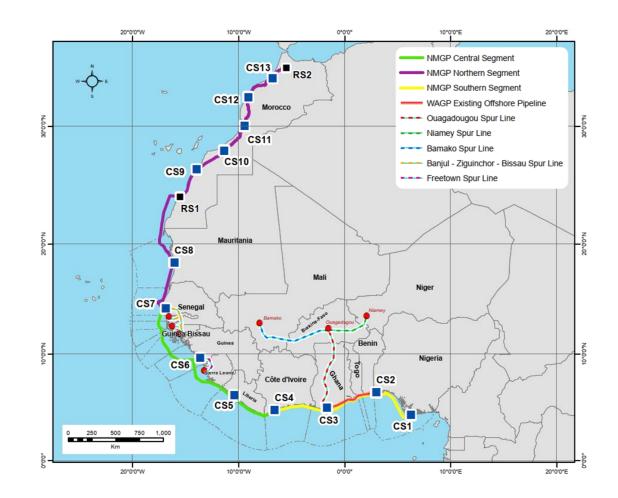
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#### MOROCCO GROWING GAS DOMESTIC MARKET

## **Bringing gas from West Africa to Europe across 13 countries**

- Design capacity: up to 30 BCM/Y
- Gas Export to Europe: 18 BCM/Y
- ❖ Overall Total Length above 6000 Km
- Memorandums of Understanding (MoUs):
- ✓ MoU with ECOWAS signed on 15 September 2022 in Rabat
- ✓ MoUs with Mauritania and Senegal signed on 15 October 2022 in Nouakchott





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